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Inventors: de Rouffignac et al.
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TO INCREASE A POROSITY

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(under 37 CFR § 1.114)

This is a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of application number 09/841,299, filed on April 24, 2001, entitled IN SITU THERMAL PROCESSING OF A HYDROCARBON CONTAINING FORMATION TO INCREASE A POROSITY OF THE FORMATION. de Rouffignac et al. Inventors: Examiner: G. A. Suchfield Art Unit: 3672 Shell Oil Company Recorded at: Reel 012208, Frame 0294 Assignee: Correspondence Address in Prior Del Christensen Application: Shell Oil Company P.O. Box 2463 Houston, Texas 77252-2463

Application Elements

	
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3. Amendments An amendment is enclosed.	00000037
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